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Honorable James H. Welsh
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State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; BETHANY-LONGSTREET
FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a unit well and two (2) alternate unit wells for CV RA SUDD at the locations shown on an attached plat.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUKK at the location shown on an attached plat.
3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUVV at the location shown on an attached plat.
4. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize five (5) alternate unit wells for CV RA SUFF at the locations shown on an attached plat.
5. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUJJ at the locations shown on an attached plat.
6. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV RA SUOO at the location shown on an attached plat.
7. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV RA SUWW at the location shown on an attached plat.

8. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU9 at the location shown on an attached plat.

9. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU17 at the location shown on an attached plat.

10. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUII at the locations shown on an attached plat.

11. To approve exceptions to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), for the locations of any of the proposed wells, as shown on the attached plats, which do not comply with the well location provisions contained in such Orders.

12. To find that each of the proposed substitute and alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

13. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, with production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in any of the proposed wells in which the ownership interests in the Cotton Valley and Hosston units for such well are identical.

14. To permit the Operator of the units on which alternate unit wells are proposed to be drilled to produce the allowables assigned to such units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

15. To designate Applicant as Operator of CV RA SUOO and of CV RA SUWW.

16. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J-1, effective April 14, 1977.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

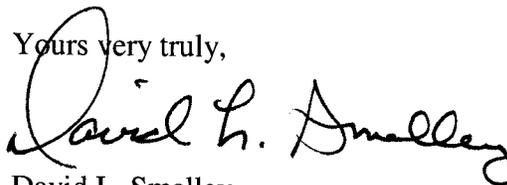
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the five (5) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

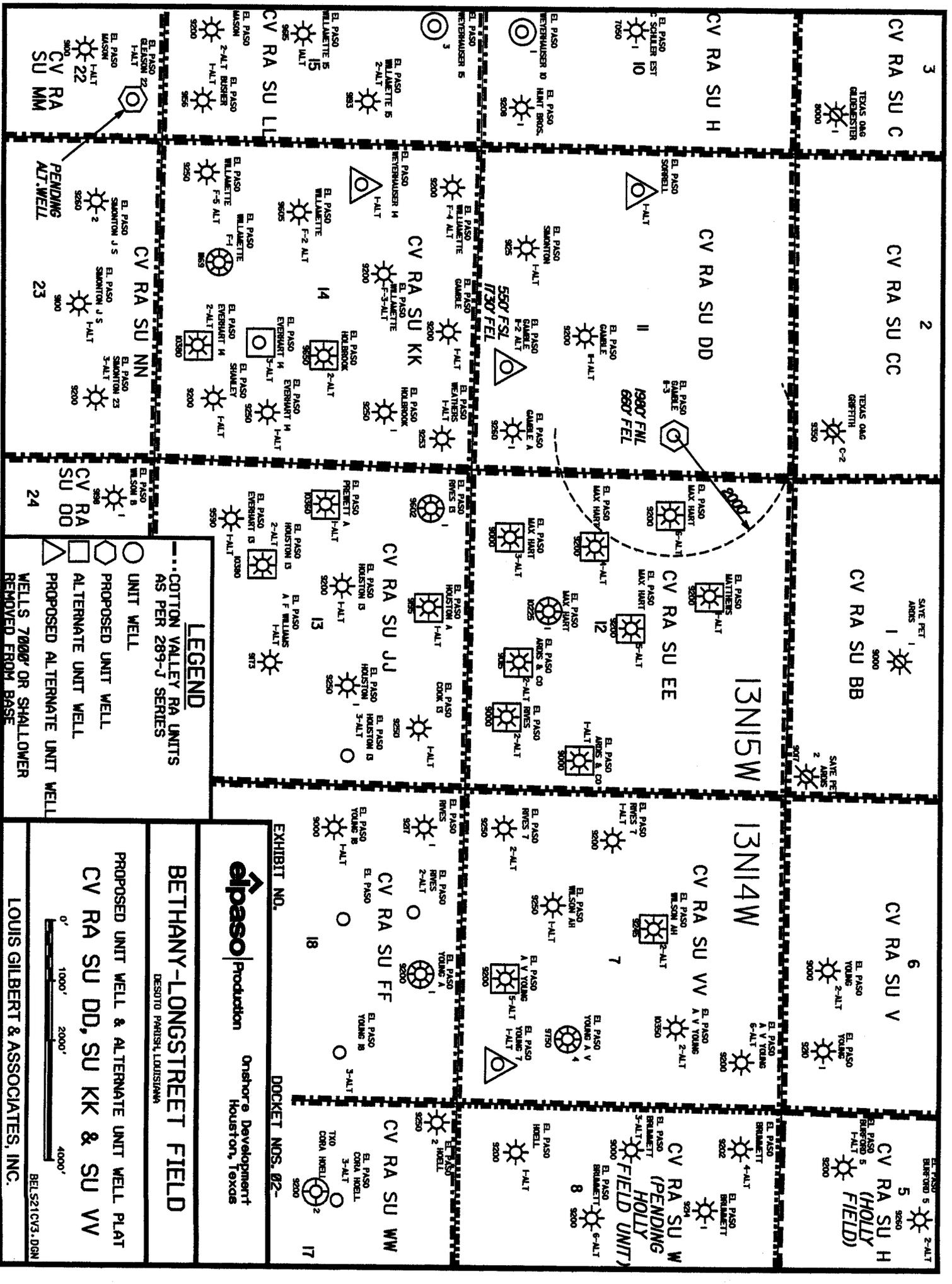


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Enclosures

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Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encls.)
Mr. Julian Chahin (w/encls.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)



LEGEND

- COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS AS PER 289-J SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- ◻ PROPOSED UNIT WELL
- ◻ ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ◻ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ◻ WELLS 700' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
 DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

el paso Production Onshore Development
 Houston, Texas

PROPOSED UNIT WELL & ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
 CV RA SU DD, SU KK & SU VV

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.
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EXHIBIT NO. _____ DOCKET NOS. 02- _____

CV RA SU H (HOLLY FIELD)
 EL PASO 5 9250
 BLANFORD 5
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU W (PENDING HOLLY FIELD UNIT)
 EL PASO 8 9000
 BRANNETT 8
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU VV
 EL PASO 7 9750
 A V YOUNG 7
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU V
 EL PASO 6 9000
 YOUNG 6-ALT 5200
 EL PASO 6-ALT 5200

CV RA SU W
 EL PASO 7 9250
 WILSON AH 7
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU VV
 EL PASO 7 9250
 RIVES 7
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU FF
 EL PASO 18 9000
 YOUNG 18
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU WW
 EL PASO 17 9250
 COVA HEBEL 17
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU JJ
 EL PASO 13 9175
 WILLIAMS 13
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU KK
 EL PASO 14 9250
 EVERHART 14
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU LL
 EL PASO 15 9250
 WILLAETTE 15
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU MM
 EL PASO 22 9000
 MASON 22
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU NN
 EL PASO 23 9200
 SAMANTON 23
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU OO
 EL PASO 24 9200
 WILSON B 24
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU CC
 TEXAS OAK 2
 GRIFFITH 2
 C-2 5250

CV RA SU DD
 EL PASO 11 9200
 GAMBLE 11
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU EE
 EL PASO 12 9200
 MAX HART 12
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU FF
 EL PASO 13 9250
 ARDS & CO 13
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU GG
 EL PASO 14 9250
 MAX HART 14
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU HH
 EL PASO 15 9250
 MAX HART 15
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU II
 EL PASO 16 9250
 GAMBLE 16
 I-ALT 5200

CV RA SU JJ
 EL PASO 17 9250
 EVERHART 17
 I-ALT 5200

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 EL PASO 18 9250
 EVERHART 18
 I-ALT 5200

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 EL PASO 19 9250
 EVERHART 19
 I-ALT 5200

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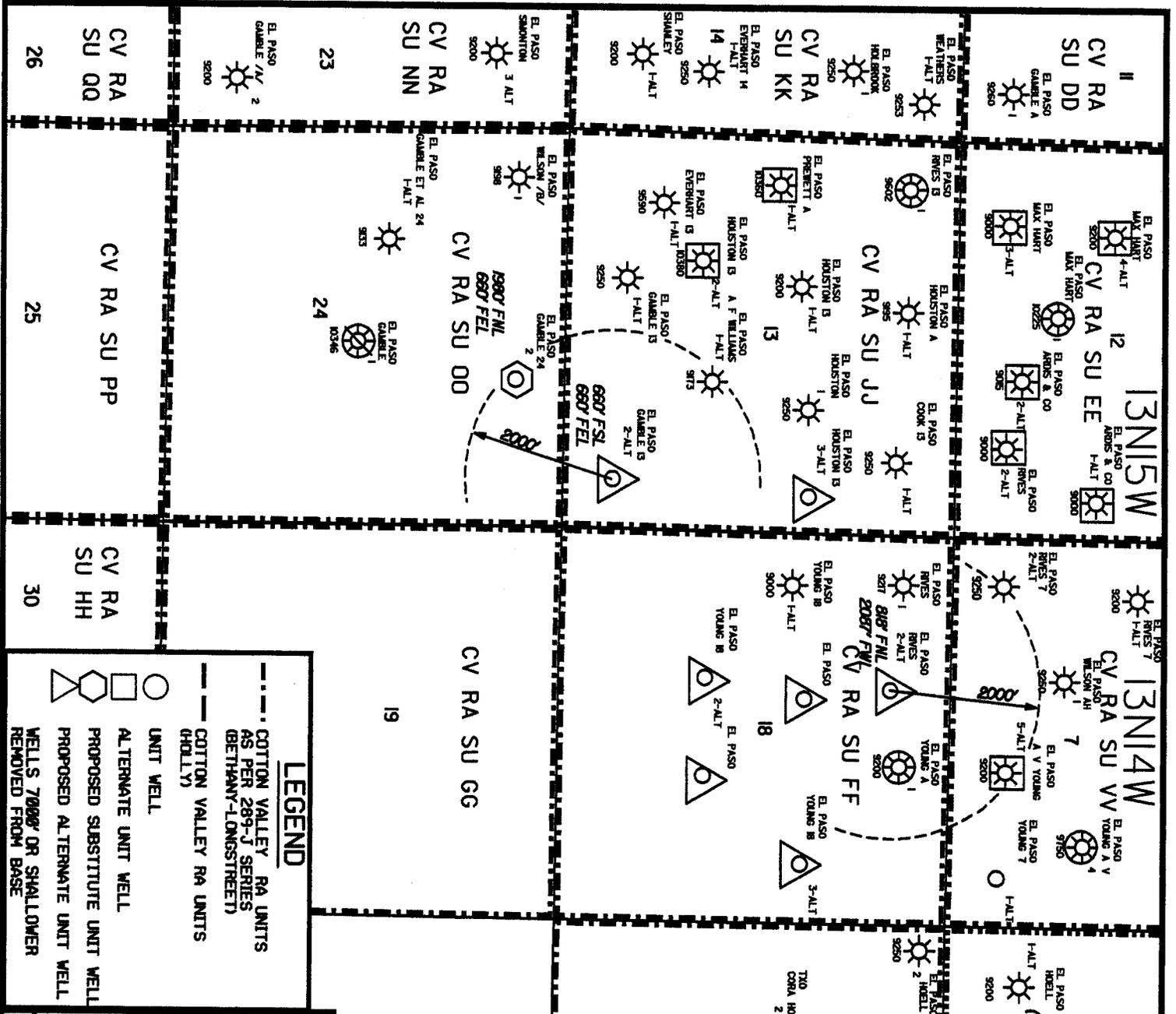
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 EVERHART 29
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CV RA SU WW
 EL PASO 30 9250
 EVERHART 30
 I-ALT 5200



LEGEND

- COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS AS PER 289-J SERIES (BETHANY-LONGSTREET)
- COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS (HOLLY)
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ◇ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- ◇ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- ◇ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ◇ WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

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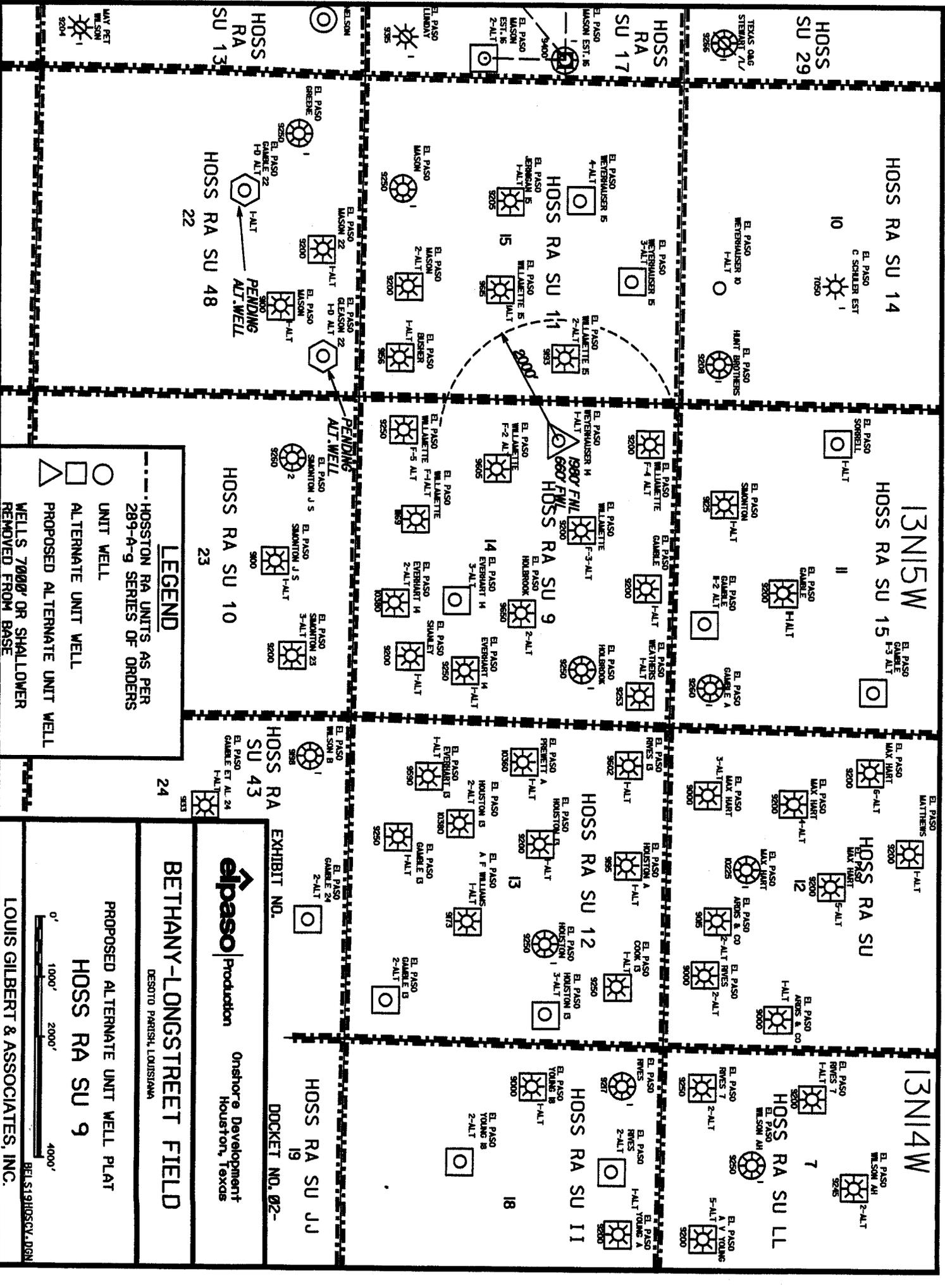
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BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
DESOIT PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE & ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RA SUFF, SU JJ, SU 00, & SU WW

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Scale: 0 to 3000 feet



LEGEND

- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

HOSS RA UNITS AS PER 289-A-G SERIES OF ORDERS

WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
DESO TO PARISH, LOUISIANA

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

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HOSS RA SU 9

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

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HOSS RA SU 13

HOSS RA SU 17

HOSS RA SU 29

HOSS RA SU 48

HOSS RA SU 22

HOSS RA SU 10

HOSS RA SU 23

HOSS RA SU 43

HOSS RA SU 24

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HOSS RA SU 9

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HOSS RA SU 12

HOSS RA SU 13

HOSS RA SU II

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HOSS RA SU 11

HOSS RA SU 12

HOSS RA SU 13

HOSS RA SU 14

HOSS RA SU 10

HOSS RA SU 15

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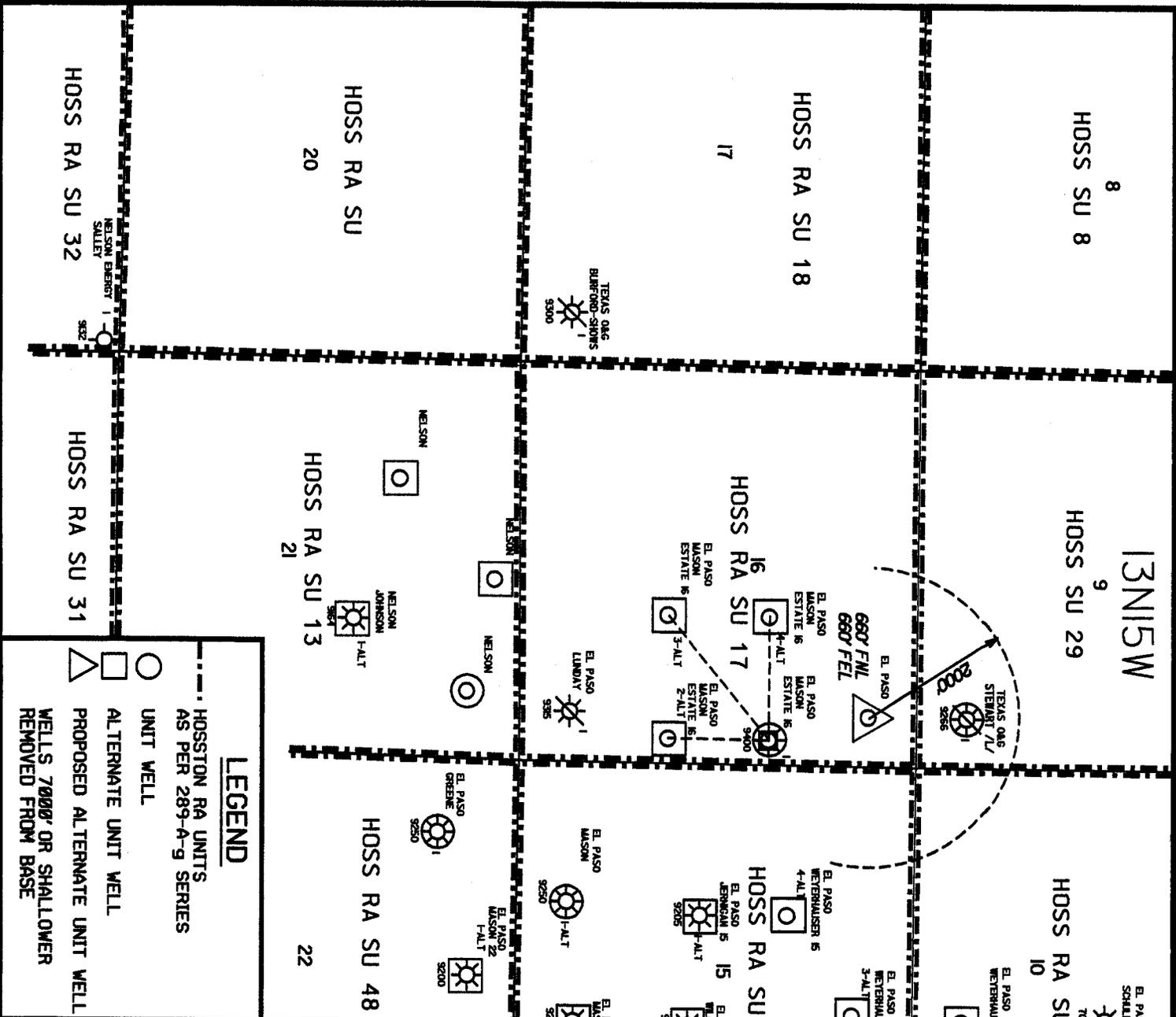
HOSS RA SU 10

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HOSS RA SU 11

HOSS RA SU LL

HOSS RA SU 7



LEGEND

- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- HOSSTON RA UNITS AS PER 289-A-g SERIES
- WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS RA SU 17

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

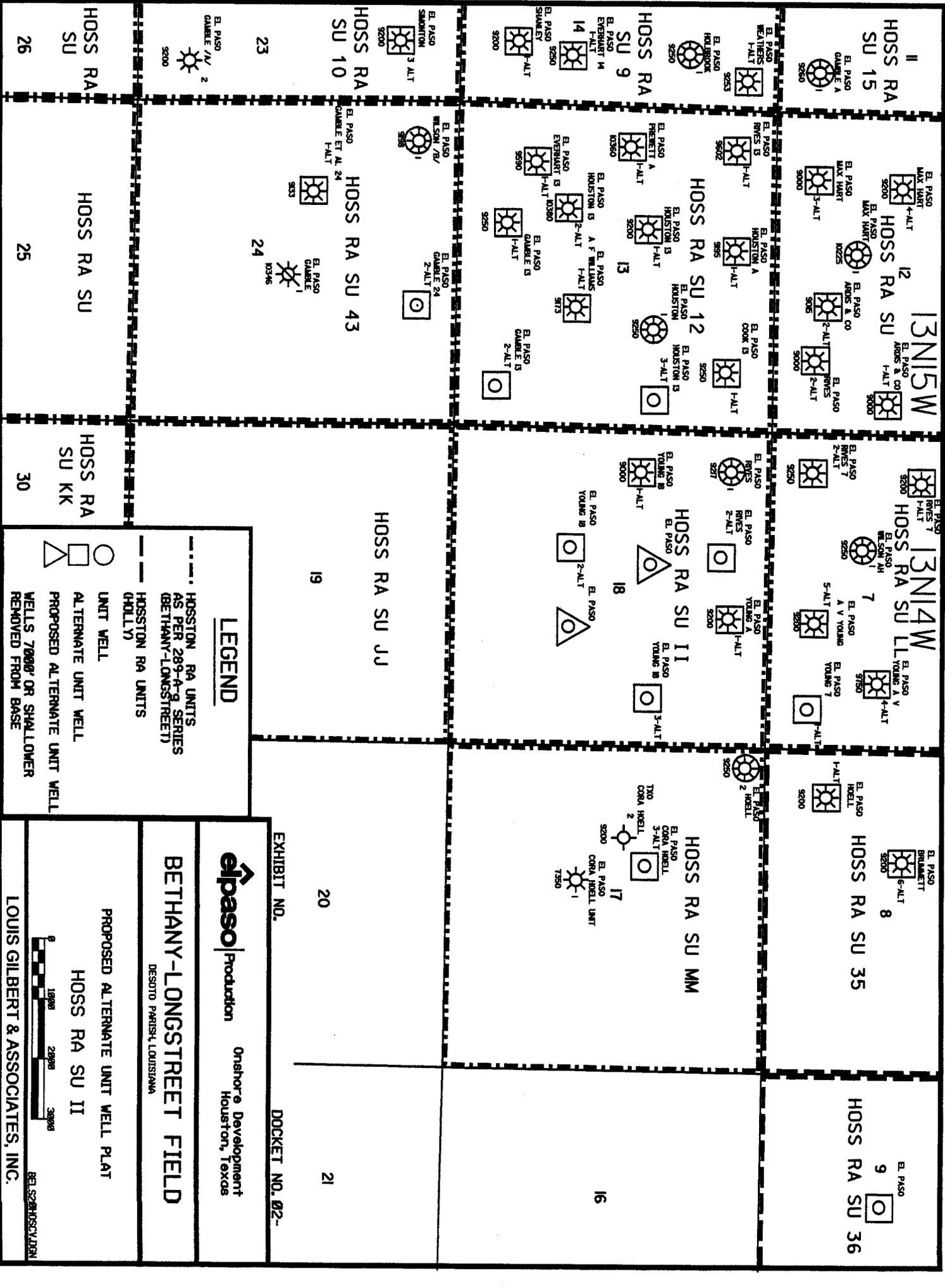
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- HOSSSTON RA UNITS (HOLLY)
- UNIT WELL
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU II

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

HOSS RA SU 15

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